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CHESTER

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October 1st

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W. H. H. FANCHER

S. B. DOBBS,

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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
CHESTER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH
BLUFF SPRINGS CHURCH,

CHOCTAW COUNTY, MISS.

October 1st, 2nd and 3rd, A. D. 1898.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION:

MODERATOR:

W. H. H. FANCHER, French Camp, Miss.

CLERK AND TREASURER:

S. B. DOBBS, Chester, Miss.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

M. W. BLACK, J. L. POWER, JOHNNY KREN.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Appointment of Finance Committee.
 Reading Letters.
 Organization of Association.
 Call for Petitionary Letters.
 Call for Correspondence.
 Appointment Special Committees and Miscellaneous Business.
 Report on Missions.
 Report on Systematic Giving.
 Report on Sunday Schools.
 Report on Mississippi College and Ministerial Education.
 Report on Woman's Work.
 Report on Publications.
 Report on Temperance.
 Report on Sustentation.
 Report on Obituaries.
 Report on Orphanage.
 Report of Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention.
 Report on Finance.
 Appointment of Standing Committees.
 Miscellaneous Business.
 Prayer.

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❧ PROCEEDINGS. ❧

THE SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION of the Chester Baptist Association assembled with the Bluff Springs Church, Choctaw County, Miss., at 10 o'clock, A. M., on the 1st day of October, 1898. The congregation engaged in singing. A portion of Scripture was read by the Moderator; prayer by N. Q. Adams. The Moderator called the body to order and appointed Noah Fondren, W. J. Wilson and O. F. Chamblee on the Finance Committee, and N. Q. Adams and S. B. Dobbs reading clerks. The letters from the different churches were called for and the names of the delegates enrolled by the Clerk; during which business was suspended to hear the introductory sermon, and after singing a song, and prayer, Bro. G. S. Jenkins preached from the text, Nehemiah VI, 3rd verse: "I am engaged in a great work," after which an earnest prayer by Rev. A. P. Berry. Association adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Congregation called together by singing, "Did Christ o'er Sinners Weep."

Upon motion all persons from churches where churches are not fully represented by delegates, were received as delegates until at least three from each church is named.

Upon motion the Clerk for the next year was allowed \$10.

Upon motion the Association now went into an election for officers for the ensuing year. Whereupon Brethren A. T. Camp and R. K. Fondren were appointed tellers, by the Moderator, who, after all had voted, reported the election of Bro. W. H. H. Fancher Moderator and S. B. Dobbs Clerk.

Call for correspondence. Zion Association: G. W. Berryhill, and A. T. Camp.

Returned correspondence: Zion Association: N. Q. Adams, F. R. Burney, M. L. Oswalt and W. H. H. Fancher.

Kosciusko: O. F. Chamblee, W. J. Wilson, W. H. H. Fancher, W. J. Frazier, B. E. Watson.

Louisville: W. A. Edwards, J. H. Jamison, W. P. Griffin.

Columbus: David Burney, W. J. Wilson, M. L. Oswalt, G. S. Jenkins, E. L. Taylor, A. P. Berry.

Trinity: M. L. Oswalt.

State Convention: David Burney, F. R. Burney, A. P. Berry, M. L. Oswalt, W. A. Edwards, W. J. Wilson, W. H. H. Fancher, N. Q. Adams, O. F. Chamblee, S. B. Dobbs, J. R. W. Foster, J. H. Jamison, G. S. Jenkins, W. J. Frazier.

Upon motion the rules were suspended and the place for holding the next meeting was decided, which resulted in the selection of Mt. Pisgah Church, which is 8-miles south of Eupora.

Upon motion that we continue to send delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention, and that each delegate be required to make a report at the next meeting of the Association.

On motion Bro. M. L. Oswalt was elected to represent the Association in the Southern Baptist Convention, Bro. W. H. H. Fancher alternate.

On motion the Association voted on expression of thanks to Bro. J. R. Foster for the faithful and efficient service ren-

dered the Association while clerk.

The Moderator appointed the deacons of this church and Bros. D. P. Franks, D. M. Berry and J. E. Gregg, committee on devotional exercises.

Upon motion of Bro. J. R. W. Foster that the Association now take up a collection to aid sister M. A. Beggers in putting a tombstone to the grave of Bro. M. A. Beggers. Said collection amounted to \$5.80 which was turned over to the finance committee.

Upon motion Bro. G. S. Jenkins was requested to make a report of his trip to the Southern Baptist Convention, which he did in an earnest and impressive manner.

The committee on devotional exercises made a partial report as follows: That Bro. B. L. Middleton lecture the Sunday School at 10 o'clock on Sunday; Bro. A. P. Berry preach at 11 o'clock A. M. and Bro. W. H. H. Fancher at 2 o'clock P. M. Sunday School report was set for 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

On motion adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION.

Sunday morning 10 o'clock. Association met pursuant to adjournment; congregation singing. The Moderator read the 116th Psalm; prayer by Bro. David Burney.

The committee on Sunday Schools read their report which was as follows, to-wit:

We your committee on Sunday School Work beg leave to submit the following: The fact that the vices of today are on gaining ground around our young people only speak out the necessity for more vigilance among Christians in Sunday School work; and only when we realize that it is Heaven's injunction on us to establish Sunday Schools in all our churches, and old and young attend them twelve months in the year. Will we fill the broad and useful sphere that God would have us fill? We are sorry to note the slight declination in Sunday School work in 1898 compared to that of 1897. There were eleven Sunday Schools reported in 1897 and nine in 1898. There was \$72.00 paid out by the Sunday Schools for various purposes in 1897, and \$30.83 paid out in 1898. Should we not awake from our slumber and go to work for God and humanity. Respectfully submitted.

B. L. MIDDLETON, Ch'n.

Which after being discussed by Bro. B. L. Middleton and J. H. Jamison was adopted.

The committee on devotional exercises made a further report as follows: That Bro. C. A. Hicks preach at the grove at 11 o'clock A. M. today and Bro. Williams at 2 o'clock P. M.

At 11 o'clock A. M. Rev. A. P. Berry preached in the church, Text, Psalm 126, 9; subject: Successful Worker. At the same hour Rev. C. A. Hicks preached at the grove. Text, Rev. 20, 12.

A collection was taken up at the house for Associational purposes which amounted to \$6.75, and at the grove for Bro. Savage which amounted to \$6.05. At 2 o'clock preaching by Rev. W. H. H. Fancher at the church from 2nd Cor. 5, 17. Bro. Williams being sick Pro. M. L. Oswalt preached at the grove. Text, Rom. 12, 10. Subject, "Christian Kindness." After which a collection was taken amounting to 80c, which was turned over to the finance committee.

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MONDAY MORNING SESSION.

Monday morning 8:30 o'clock. The Moderator called the Association to order; congregation singing. The Moderator read a portion of Scripture. Prayer by Bro. M. L. Oswalt.

On motion the reading of the minutes was suspended for the present.

The Moderator appointed Bro. J. R. W. Foster, B. C. McGarity and W. T. Weeks committee on nominations.

Report on missions was read by Bro. David Burney, which was as follows:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Under God the mission train continues to move. It is compelled to move, for God himself is engineering and conducting it. That the work of missions is taking on more life and interest, we point to the new fields occupied, the number of missionaries at work, the abundant success of their labors, the prayers offered, the increased amount of money given and the large number of persons wanting to go. Mississippi Baptists rejoice with other brethren in other states over the 660 baptisms last year. As we give to the support of the missionaries, instrumental in teaching these lost souls to Christ, \$75.00 we recommend that each church appoint a mission representative, whose duty it shall be to keep the work constantly before the minds of the members, and if possible secure a contribution from every member. We did nobly last year, let us do better this year.

HOME MISSIONS.

Home missions includes all destitute fields within the limits of the Southern Baptist Convention that cannot be sustained by the respective State Mission Boards, in the states where this destitution is found. It also includes Cuba and the Indian Territory. The work is carried on by the Home Mission Board, located in Atlanta, Ga., organized May 1, 1827, and is a very important factor in the Convention; and we might call in the leverage to the gospel movement for the stay and support of our foreign missionaries depend upon the Christian at home. Some may favor home missions and oppose foreign missions, but practically he who favors home missions is a strong support to foreign. We find this to be in keeping with Christ's commission. Luke 24, 47. That repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. If we do not cherish this in our own home land and labor for the salvation of our neighbors, how can we impress its importance upon the heathen? In view of the great importance of this work we heartily recommend the sympathetic co-operation and prayers of this Association.

STATE MISSIONS.

We are glad that our people are becoming accustomed to look upon the mission field as being the world, for wherever man is found without a knowledge of salvation there is mission work to be done in the Savior's dear name. But for convenience this great field has been divided into three grand divisions, State, Home and Foreign Missions. The work of State Missions is fundamental, because it lays the foundation for greater and more extended efforts all along the line of the work fostered by the Southern Baptist Convention. For the work of the State Mission Board is friendly and helpful to foreign. Home missions, ministerial education, Mississippi Col-

lege, Sustentation, and the Home for the orphans. We are profoundly grateful to the Lord of the harvest for the marked success that has attended our work during the past year. There has been an encouraging increase in results of work done.

The people are giving of their means for the preaching of God's holy word in the destitute portions of our states as never before. We would call special attention of our people to the work being done by the State Mission Board on the Gulf coast, in the great delta country, in quite a number of towns throughout the state and in the destitute portions of the country. This work is praise-worthy of the Board and deserves the commendation of all our people. In conclusion we desire to recommend most earnestly to all the pastors of this Association that they present the urgent claims of our State Mission work to their churches and solicit a contribution from each member of their churches. Lift up your eyes and look on the field for they are white already to harvest. John 4, 35.

DAVID BURNEY, Chairman.

Which, after being discussed by Bro. W. H. H. Fancher and David Burney, was adopted.

The Committee on Systematic Giving read the following report:

We your committee on systematic giving beg leave to submit the following report: Inasmuch as it is the indispensable duty of the Christian to give of their means for the furtherance of the gospel, and of all other objects fostered by Christ's church therefore we should follow the scriptural injunctions laid down by the Apostle Paul, of laying by in store on the first day of the week as God has prospered us. We further recommend that quarterly collections be taken by the pastors at the churches. Respectfully submitted.

W. A. EDWARDS, }
C. H. DOBBS, } Com.
G. S. JENKINS, }

Which, on motion, was received and adopted.

Committee on Mississippi College and Ministerial Education read the following report:

We your committee on Mississippi College and ministerial education ask to submit the following report: Owing to the yellow fever epidemic the work of the college was very much hindered last session, however good and faithful work was done under the circumstances. We learn with great pleasure that Dr. W. T. Lowery has been elected president of the college, and recommend that we as an association give more sympathy and material aid to its support.

There twenty-eight ministerial students in attendance at the college last session, twenty of whom were aided by the Board. A much larger number is expected at the present session, and we recommend that every church of this association contribute to the support of ministerial education.

[Signed]

W. J. FRAZIER, Committee.

Which, on motion, was received, and after being discussed by Bro. W. J. Frazier, David Burney, W. H. H. Fancher and J. R. W. Foster, was adopted.

Pending said discussion the association proceed to take up a collection for ministerial education, which amounted to \$3.55.

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On motion, that each delegate present do all they can in their churches during the incoming year for ministerial education.

Bro. A. P. Berry read the following:

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

We note but one society in our association—The Woman's Missionary Society, of French Camp, is doing a good work, having contributed during the year \$10.55. We your committee recommend that whenever it is practicable that societies be organized and co-operate with this body.

Respectfully submitted.

A. P. BERRY, Ch'n.

After being discussed by Bro. A. P. Berry the report was adopted.

Bro. B. C. McGarity read the following:

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

We your committee beg leave to report on publications: The Bible should be the first, the last, for each and all to read and to study, then try to comply with its teachings. It is the guide and way-bill from earth to heaven. Still we cannot have a correct knowledge of what is being done throughout the world only through the press, hence we would recommend to the Baptists of this association the new paper which will be issued at an early date from Jackson, Miss. Rev. T. J. Bailey will be business manager, and Dr. J. B. Searcy will occupy the editorial tripod. I refer to the consolidation of the Layman and Record to make one strong paper. I feel that it will be instructive and indispensable. We also recommend the Baptist and Reflector at Nashville, Tenn. It is attractive and edifying. The Foreign Mission Journal of Richmond, Va., is in reach of everyone. These should be in every Baptist family in the State. There are other papers that could be mentioned that are also devoted to the upbuilding of the Baptist cause. We also recommend the Southern Baptist Convention series in our Sunday Schools, as they are ours and superior to all others, and are worthy of our confidence and patronage.

Respectfully submitted.

B. C. MCGARITY, Com.

The report was discussed by Bros. B. C. McGarity, David Burney and W. H. H. Fancher, and adopted.

The minutes of the first and second days were read and approved, and the roll of churches was called when the following named persons answering to their names were enrolled as delegates, to-wit:

Ackerman—John Adams and David Burney.

Bethlehem—W. T. Weeks, E. F. Taylor.

Blythe's Creek—J. G. Brooks, M. Brooks.

Bealah—

Bear Creek—W. J. Frazier.

Clear Springs—J. E. Gregg, A. M. Coleman, J. P. Biggers.

Fellowship—C. W. Parham, E. G. Oswalt.

Fentress—W. A. Edwards.

French Camp—W. H. H. Fancher, W. J. Wilson.

McCurtain's Creek—Will Nail, John Trussell.

Mt. Moriah—H. R. Kite, J. T. Howard.

Mt. Olivet—R. M. Cotton, J. W. Britten.

Mt. Pisgah—C. S. Bowles.
 New Zion—Chas. Ming, D. P. Franks.
 New Haven—O. F. Chamblee, A. W. Chamblee.
 Pleasant Ridge—N. Q. Adams, S. A. Wilson, J. E. Buckner.
 Providence—D. E. Merodith, J. I. Miller, B. E. Watson.
 Ruhama (Chester)—J. R. W. Foster, B. C. McGarity, S. P. Dobbs.

Spring Hill—James Williams.
 Woods Springs—J. P. Weeks, G. W. Reed.
 Wake Forest—A. P. Berry, D. M. Berry, J. Evans, W. A. Adams.

Bluff Springs—A. M. Coleman, T. J. Lindsey.
 Eunis—R. M. Patterson.
 Ebenezer—R. W. Box, J. W. Wills, J. N. Pearson.

Delegates from Double Springs and Sturges, with several others, not present when roll was called, hence, not enrolled as delegates. Bealah, Bethany, New Hope, Syke's Chapel, Center Grove churches not represented. Hogan's Chapel dissolved.

On motion the resolution requiring delegates to be present on Monday as adopted at last session be published in the minutes, which is as follows, to-wit:

"That hereafter no delegate's name shall be reported in the minutes who is absent at roll call on Monday."

Bro. Noah Fondren read the following:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We your committee on temperance beg leave to make the following report: We regard the subject of temperance as one of great importance, and one that should have the prayerful consideration of every Christian in the land. We know there has been a great deal said on this subject, but we think there cannot be too much said, for it is a subject that interests every Christian man or lady in the land. We deem the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage as one of the greatest evils that can possibly be indulged in by any person that loves his church, his country and humanity. The drinking of intoxicating liquors is the wreck of many a happy home, and sends thousands of human souls to an endless destruction. It cripples our churches, and to a great extent controls our ballot boxes. We think that the gospel preached in its purity is one of the best remedies for the enlightening of the people and driving the evil from the land. Another great remedy is that if every professed Christian would cease to drink liquor the seller would be greatly reduced in his business. We also think that the moderate dram drinker has a great deal to do in leading our boys off into dram drinking, drunkenness and destruction. We believe that it is the indispensable duty of every Christian not to drink intoxicating liquors, although he may think that he can drink without injury to himself, he might influence others to drink that it would injure. We believe Christians should be temperate in all things.

Respectfully submitted.

NOAH FONDREN.

The report was discussed by Noah Fondren, W. A. Edwards, A. T. Camp, A. P. Berry, W. J. Frazier, David Burney, B. C. McGarity, B. E. Watson, J. M. Black, N. Q. Adams, and then

adopted.

Bro. M. L. Oswalt re-

REPORT

Your committee on amount paid and reported for the church, \$2.00. A for Bro. Savage, \$12.50 have reported their work to make a full report.

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The report, after being W. A. Edwards, was adopted. Then the discussion to raise amount sufficient chair, when the following

John Adams, of Ackee \$1.00; J. G. Blythe's C. Springs, \$1.00; Clear Sp Fellowship, \$1.00; Fent Curran's creek, \$1.00; M. Pisgah, \$1.00; D. New Hope, \$1.00; Pleasant Ruhama, \$1.00; Spring ges, \$1.00; Woods Springs, \$1.00.

On motion by J. R. W. adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That we be the Orphan's Home at J. churches composing this next associational year to fit of these orphans, and tee on Orphan's Home to

W. A. Edwards, Colpe was adopted:

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On motion W. A. Edwards this Association.

On motion the following resolution by Bethlehem walt, which was made a Whereas, Our country

adopted.

- Bro. M. L. Oswalt read the following:

REPORT ON SUSTENTATION.

Your committee on sustentation beg leave to report: The amount paid and reported by New Hope church \$6.50; Bethlehem church, \$2.00. Amount of collections at the Association for Bro. Savage, \$12.50. Total, \$21.00. Only two churches have reported their work on sustentation, hence we are unable to make a full report.

We recommend that the churches composing this Association comply with the rules given by the Apostles in 1st Tim. 5th chapter, and when these rules have been faithfully complied with if it is found that the relations and the church can not supply the needs of the destitute, then let the church make an appeal to the Association with the stipulated amount of the actual need.

We insist that the churches report to the Association all that is being done along this line of important duty.

M. L. OSWALT, Chairman.

The report, after being discussed by W. H. H. Fancher and W. A. Edwards, was adopted.

During the discussion pledges were asked from the churches to raise amount sufficient to buy Bro. W. B. Savage a rolling chair, when the following pledges were made, to-wit:

John Adams, of Ackerman, paid \$1.00; Bethlehem delegates, \$1.00; J. G. Blythe's Creek, \$1.00; Bear Creek, \$1.00; Bluff Springs, \$1.00; Clear Springs delegates, \$1.00; Ebenezer, \$1.00; Fellowship, \$1.00; Fentress, \$1.00; French Camp, \$2.00; McCrackin's Creek, \$1.00; J. W. Nail, \$1.00; Mt. Moriah, \$1.00; M. Pisgah, \$1.00; D. P. Franks, \$1.00; New Haven, \$1.00; New Hope, \$1.00; Pleasant Ridge, \$1.00; Providence, \$1.00; Ruhama, \$1.00; Spring Hill, \$1.50; J. P. Williams, \$1.00; Sturges, \$1.00; Woods Springs, \$1.00; Wake Forest, \$1.00; Ackerman, \$1.00.

On motion by J. R. W. Foster, the following resolution was adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the work being done at the Orphan's Home at Jackson, Miss., and we urge each of the churches composing this body to send contributions during the next associational year to L. S. Foster of Jackson for the benefit of these orphans, and that the Moderator appoint a committee on Orphan's Home to report at the next meeting.

W. A. Edwards, Colporteur, read the following report which was adopted:

Number of Bibles sold, 35; Testaments, 42; other religious books, 60. Total, 137. Number of miles traveled, 422; sermons preached, 22; prayer meetings visited, 15.

Respectfully submitted

W. A. EDWARDS,

Colporteur Chester Association.

On motion W. A. Edwards was continued as Colporteur for this Association.

On motion the following resolution, in connection with the resolution by Bethlehem church in regard to Bro. M. L. Oswalt, which was made a part of said resolution, was adopted: *

Whereas, Our country is being thoroughly canvassed by a

sect known as "Latter Day Saints," but better known as Mormons, who teach for doctrine the commandments of men; who are as whited sepulchers, pleasant outwardly, but within are dead men's bones, and who have a zeal peculiar to themselves in pushing forward the work begun in the face of all opposition, and who would lead, if in their power, this Christian nation down to a level with the beasts of the field, and,

Whereas, We find in our Brother, Rev. M. L. Oswalt, more than a successful contestant for them, and,

Whereas, He has been endorsed in his own community, by his own church, in this work and is worthy of endorsement by this body, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Chester Association endorse fully the resolutions sent to this body by Bethlehem Baptist church, the same being Bro. Oswalt's church, and that we heartily recommend him to the public.

RESOLUTIONS OF BETHLEHEM CHURCH.

Whereas, The Mormons are seeking to destroy Bro. M. L. Oswalt's influence with the people by circulating a report that his publications on Mormonism were not his composition, together with other false reports of like nature, and,

Whereas, Bro. Oswalt having been born and raised in our midst, where he has resided all his life, except the three years he was among the Mormons in Colorado, and has been a member of our church for a number of years, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Bethlehem Baptist church, regard Bro. M. L. Oswalt as a high-toned Christian gentleman, and we heartily endorse the fight he is making against Mormonism; and as to his publications, "Pen Pictures of Mormonism;" and "Mormonism in Contrast With the Bible" they are exclusively his own productions, and the Mormon doctrine set forth therein he has given from standard Mormon publications, and we commend Bro. Oswalt to the public as a safe and true exponent of the evils of Mormonism, and instruct our delegates to the Chester Baptist Association to present this action to that body for its endorsement.

Done in Church Conference, this Sept. 25, 1898.

J. T. SARGENT, Moderator.

W. T. WEEKS, Church Clerk.

N. Q. Adams read the following:

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We your committee on obituaries submit the following report: Since our last meeting the good Lord has called from their labors of love two of his servants, whom He had called to the work of the ministry, to-wit: Brothers A. J. Franklin and M. A. Biggers, with several other good lay members. Bro. Franklin was born March 9, 1818; joined the Baptist church in 1840; was ordained to the ministry in 1858; died Sept. 12, 1898. Thus we see that about 40 years of his life was spent in the ministry, and while he was not blessed, as some are, with a finished education, which would have been a great help to him in the work, yet, he was blessed with the spirit of Christ to that extent he was willing to work in the vineyard of the Lord wherever the spirit directed. For the last two years of his life being greatly afflicted, most of his time confined to his bed, he

exhibited the spirit of never heard to complain afflictions patiently and higher."

Bro. M. A. Biggers, Baptist church in 1864, died July 13, 1898. Education, yet, under God's ministry, having the preaching the gospel, to every one that believed, work, serving churches

On motion the report Committee on nominations

We your committee Bro. M. L. Oswalt to next Association, and

Bros. M. W. Black,

On motion the report J. R. W. Foster, T. J. R. W. FOSTER, IN

October, 1897, to balance Received

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Balance on hand

Brother Noah Foster

Received for minutes
 " " State
 " " Home
 " " Foreign
 " " Association

exhibited the spirit of the Master to the extent that he was never heard to complain against the will of God, but bore his afflictions patiently until God said, "It is enough; come up higher."

Bro. M. A. Biggers was born in 1845; joined Clear Springs Baptist church in 1864; was ordained to the ministry in 1884; died July 13, 1898. While Bro. Biggers had only a limited education, yet, under God, he did a great amount of good in the ministry, having the spirit of Christ, going about doing good, preaching the gospel, which is the power of God unto salvation, to every one that believeth. He was actively engaged in the work, serving churches as pastor at the time of his death.

N. Q. ADAMS, Chairman.

On motion the report was adopted.

Committee on nominations made the following Report:

We your committee on nominations, report as follows, to-wit: Bro. M. L. Oswalt to preach the introductory sermon at the next Association, and Bro. J. H. D. Watson alternate.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Bros. M. W. Black, J. L. Powers and Johnnie Keen.

W. T. WEEKS,
J. R. W. FOSTER, } Com.
B. C. McGARITY.

On motion the report was adopted.

J. R. W. Foster, Treasurer, made the following report:

J. R. W. FOSTER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE CHESTER ASSOCIATION FOR 1897.

October, 1897, to balance in Treasurer's hands in 1896,	\$11.45
" " Received from finance committee,	95.85

Total,

\$107.30

Amount paid out as follows:

October, 1897, To W. H. H. Fancher, by order of association,	\$12.00
" " Am't paid clerk of association	15.00
" 21 A. V. Rowe, as per voucher,	33.70
" " expressage on same,	.35
" " am't paid on manuscript	.25
" " expressage on minutes,	.35
" " am't paid for printing minutes,	25.00
" " " " postage on " "	3.40
" " paper	.20

total paid out,

\$90.25

Balance on hand

17.05

\$107.30

Brother Noah Fondren read, and the association adopted the

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Received for minutes,	\$32.50
" " State missions,	4.05
" " Home	3.00
" " Foreign	14.65
" " Associational purposes	19.85
" " " (collections)	6.75

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 out-going treasurer, 17.05
 Ministerial education 3.55
 .. collections for the purpose of erecting a monument to M. A. Bigger's grave, 5.80
 .. collections for the purpose of buying Bro. W. B. Savage a chair, 12.50
 Amount collected and turned over to Brother Savage, 6.05

Total, \$125.75

We have examined the Treasurers report and find the same correct.

Respectfully submitted,

NOAH FONDREN,
 O. F. CHAMBLEE, } Com.
 W. J. WILSON. }

By order of the Association the clerk was instructed to get E. R. Seward to order W. B. Savage a rolling chair with the money raised for that purpose, then to buy him a Bible and if any remained to pay it to Bro. Savage.

By order of the Association, the clerk was instructed to pay Bro. G. S. Jenkins \$25.00 for his expenses to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Bro. W. W. Nason of Zion Association was introduced by the Moderator and received as a member from that body.

On motion W. W. Baywell, delegate from Bluff Springs, and Rassie McVeigh, from Sturges, were enrolled as delegates from their churches.

The Association then proceeded to take a collection for hymn books for Bluff Springs church, which on motion was turned over to the clerk of the church.

Bro. A. P. Berry offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Whereas, the brothers and sisters of Bluff Springs church, and their friends and neighbors, have so kindly, generously and sumptuously entertained the delegates and visitors of the Chester Association; therefore be it

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the members of Bluff Springs church and citizens of the community for their kindness and hospitality.

The congregation sang a song, gave and received the parting hand and adjourned with prayer.

W. H. H. FAUCHER, Moderator.
 S. B. DOBBS, Clerk.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in only one living God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. Deut 6-4; Mark 12-29; 1st John 5-7.
2. We believe the scriptures composing the Old and New Testaments are the words of God, and the only rule of Faith and practice. 2nd Tim. 3-16, Romans 10-18.

3. We believe in the chose His people in Chr Eph. 1-4-5 and 11. 2nd

4. We believe in the Rom. 7-14. 17.

5. We believe in ma ability to recover himse by nature. Rom. 4-46.

6. We believe that s by the imputed righteo Rom. 4-3.

7. We believe that C and sanctified by the H John 17-2, Cor. 6-11.

8. We believe the S never fall finally away.

9. We believe that h nances of Jesus Christ, jects of baptism, and th practice. Matt. 28-19-2

10. We believe in th general judgement, and punishment of the wick Corinthians 5-10.

11. We believe that the ordinances of the g called and comes under bytery. Eph. 4-5; 1st C

12. We believe that have a right to commu

3. We believe in the doctrine of election, and that God chose His people in Christ before the foundation of the world. Eph. 1-4-5 and 11. 2nd Thes. 2-13, Romans 9-11 and 11-5.

4. We believe in the doctrines of original sin. Ps. 51-5, Rom. 7-14, 17.

5. We believe in man's incapacity by his own free will and ability to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature. Rom. 4-46, John 4-44.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only. Isaiah 55-17, Rom. 4-3.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost. John 10-16, 1st Thes. 2-12, John 17-2, Cor. 6-11.

8. We believe the Saints shall be preserved in grace and never fall finally away. Colossians 3-3, 1st Peter 1-5.

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of baptism, and that by ~~immersion~~ only was the Apostolic practice. Matt. 28-19-26 and 27; Colossians 2-12; Rom. 6-5.

10. We believe in the resurrection after death, and in the general judgement, and that the felicity of the righteous and punishment of the wicked will be eternal. John 5-20, 28; 2nd Corinthians 5-10.

11. We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the gospel but one who is regularly baptized, called and comes under the imposition of the hands of a presbytery. Eph. 4-5; 1st Cor. 9-15; Acts 14-23; 1st Tim. 4-14.

12. We believe that none but regularly baptized believers have a right to commune at the Lord's table. Actr 2-41, 42.



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STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.															
PASTORS															
POSTOFFICE															
CLERKS															
POSTOFFICE															
Add'ns by															
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Males															
Females															
TOTAL															
Ackerman	W. L. A. Stanburg	Slate Springs.	Marion Cole	Ackerman	7	3		5				38	58	96	
Bethlehem	J. T. Sargent	Sturges.			2	1		1	1			61	74	135	
Blythe's Creek	N. Q. Adams	Sturges.	A. R. Hester	Pinto.	4	2		6		2		38	83	121	
*Beulah															
Bear Creek	W. H. H. Fancher	French Camp.	W. H. Black	Weir.	33	6		1	1					232	
Bluff Springs	J. H. D. Watson	Kenago.	C. A. Lindsey	Eupora.	1	1		3	3	25				69	
*Bethany															
*Center															
Double Springs	Jasper Watson	Maben.	J. O. Templeton	Double Springs		3	2	3	1	1		45	76	121	
Eunis			J. M. Hartness	Sturges	5	5	2			1		20	30	50	
Ebenezer	B. E. Watson	Faber.	J. O. McGary	Stewart.	3	1	4	1	2	1		25	32	57	
Fellowship	C. A. Hicks	Belfontain	J. W. Woodward	Pinto.	3	1		1		2		70	62	132	
Fentress	J. H. Pearson	Longview	Carrie Prewitt	Fentress	1							17	22	39	
French Camp	W. H. H. Fancher	French Camp.	W. A. Taylor	French Camp.	2	2		1						76	
McCurtain's Creek	J. H. D. Watson	Kenago.	C. J. Buse	Bankston.				2	7					142	
Mt. Olivet	D. S. Jenkins	Maben.	C. H. Butler	Chapel.	2	2	1	3		2		14	33	46	
Mt. Moriah	W. H. H. Fancher	French Camp.	H. R. Kite	Kenago.				1		1		32	29	61	
Mt. Pisgah	C. A. Hicks	Belfontain	C. S. Bowles	Bywy	4	6	1	6	2	1		40	64	112	
New Zion	W. H. H. Fancher	French Camp.	R. F. Keen	Burney	8	3	1	1				57	83	140	
New Haven	J. H. D. Watson	Kenago.	A. W. Chamblee	Bankston.	2	1	2	4	7	4		42	60	102	
*New Hope								1							
Pleasant Ridge	N. Q. Adams	Sturges.	J. H. Brown	Bradley	14	2	1	4		2		28	44	72	
Providence	J. H. D. Watson	Kenago.	J. H. McCarty	Faber	7	8				1		50	46	96	
Ruhama	W. H. H. Fancher	French Camp.	J. R. W. Foster	Chester	1	3						25	29	54	
Spring Hill	G. S. Jenkins	Maben	J. O. Ray	Dido.	5					1		26	33	59	
Sturges	N. Q. Adams	Sturges.	B. F. Tomlinson	Sturges.	3					1		20	17	37	
*Syke's Chapel															
Wood Springs	J. C. Peacock	Bankston	J. W. Woods	Bankston.	5	3				1		37	36	73	
Wake Forest	A. P. Berry	Sturges.	G. B. Green	Sturges.	6	5	1	7	5	1		35	40	75	
*Poplar Creek															
Hogan's Chapel dissolved. *Not represented.					Total	118	58	16	51	25	26	25	740	951	1997

Hogan's Chapel dissolved. *Not represented.

FINANCIAL TABLE INCLUDING AMOUNT REPORTED AND SENT OFF DURING THE YEAR.

	Missions	Foreign Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Sustentation	Associational Purposes	Mississippi College	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Pastor's Salary	Other than Pastors	Other Purposes	Minutes	TOTAL	Value of Church Property
Ackerman		\$5 80		4 75						165 00	6 30	24 40	1 00	207 25	
Blythe's Creek	\$7 95					1 50				37 00			1 50	47 95	
Bluff Springs			50	50		1 65				37 00		40 00	1 50	80 65	400 00
Bethlehem		3 00			2 00					100 00		18 35	1 50	124 85	
Bear Creek		5 40		2 50		55	5 00	4 20		94 50			2 00	114 15	
Clear Springs						1 50							1 00	2 50	
Double Springs						2 25				22 00			2 00	26 25	400 00
Ebenezer				2 50		50							1 00	5 00	
Eunis														50	
Fellowship	3 05											29 80	1 00	33 85	400 00
French Camp		6 60	3 00	6 30		3 00	10 00			200 00		22 45	2 00	242 35	1700 00
Mt. Moriah				2 00		40	1 10						1 15	4 65	
Mt. Olivet	1 40									35 80			1 00	38 20	
Mt. Pisgah		3 00		1 15						58 00	12 00		1 50	75 00	
McCurtain's Creek													2 00	1 50	
New Zion		4 10	2 00	2 25			2 00		2 30	91 45	7 25		2 00	113 35	
New Haven	4 20									50 00		12 00	1 50	67 70	
Pleasant Ridge		5 65	3 00			3 05				38 00	12 85	20 00	1 25	81 25	500 00
Providence		2 00		3 00								19 00	1 50	25 90	250 00
Ruhama		3 50	3 80	2 40		1 00	3 00			72 40	10 00	37 92	1 50	135 52	400 00
Spring Hill	1 00												1 00	2 00	
Woods Spring						1 40							1 50	2 90	
Wake Forest	1 00					1 00							1 05	3 00	
Sturges	1 00					1 00				50 00			1 00	3 50	500 00
Fentress														50	
New Hope				6 00										6 00	
Col'n at Assoc'n.				18 50	6 75			3 55				5 80		34 60	
	19 60	39 00	11 80	27 55	26 50	25 55	21 10	4 20	5 85	1051 10	49 60	229 72	33 50	1481 57	

SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE, INCLUDING AM'T SPENT DURING YEAR (As Reported.)

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS	No. Teachers	No. Scholars	Am't paid for Literature	State Missions	Orphanage	Home Missions	Cubans	Other Purposes	TOTAL	Woman's Work				Amount paid for All purposes
										Orphanage	Church Expenses	General Fund	TOTAL	
		40	19 00	2 25	7 30	1 50			\$30 05					\$237 30
C. A. Lindsey	4	57												47 95
C. D. Dunn	3	35	4 00						4 00					80 65
														128 85
														114 15
														2 50
														26 25
														5 00
														50
Noah Pondren	3	48	3 60						3 60					37 45
J. J. Carter	6	40	9 00		14 90				23 90	4 10	3 75	2 75	10 50	286 75
														4 65
														38 20
														75 00
														1 50
														113 35
														67 70
H. H. Sykes			6 00						6 00					87 75
S. B. Dobbs	3	25	4 50			2 00	95c		7 45					29 90
														2 00
		35												3 00
														3 50
														50
														6 00
														34 60
	19	280	46	10 2	25 22	20 1	50	2 00	95c	\$76 00				1581 37

REMARKS:—This table will not cover the full amount for the year, as some churches only report the amount sent to the Association, while others report the entire amount for the year. Some Sunday Schools are not reported, while others report without giving full statistics, and others report in full.

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As Reported.)

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Orphanage	Church Expenses	General Fund	TOTAL	Amount paid for All purposes
				\$237 30
				47 95
				80 65
				128 85
				114 15
				2 50
				26 25
				5 00
				50
				37 45
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				4 65
				38 20
				75 00
				1 50
				113 35
				67 70
				87 75
				29 90
				143 47
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				1581 37

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MINISTERIAL REGISTER.

N. Q. Adams, Sturges.	W. H. H. Faucher, French Camp
David Burney, Ackerman.	G. W. Henson, Ackerman
Moses Black, Sturges.	J. W. Jenkins, Bankston
A. P. Berry, Sturges.	B. L. Middleton, Pinto
M. A. Carr, McCool.	Joseph Peacock, Bankston
C. H. Dobbs, Bywy.	Jasper Watson, Bankston
G. S. Jenkins, Pinto.	M. L. Oswalt, Ackerman
J. T. Pearson, Sturges.	J. H. D. Watson, Kenago
W. A. Edwards, Ackerman.	B. E. Watson, Faber

LICENTIATES.

J. E. Perry, Chester.	J. B. Worrell, Fentress
W. A. Taylor, French Camp.	W. J. Dobbs, Dido
W. P. Griffin, Bywy.	

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Missions—J. J. Carter, W. A. Taylor, W. J. Wilson.
Systematic Giving—A. P. Berry, R. E. Hannah, D. M. Berry.
Sunday School—B. L. Middleton, F. T. Milligan, N. Fondren
Mississippi College and Ministerial Education.—J. H. Jamison, W. J. Frazier, O. F. Chamblee.
Woman's Work.—David Burney, E. R. Seward, J. F. Berry.
Publications.—H. H. Sykes, G. A. Skidmore, Frank Josey.
Temperance.—N. Q. Adams, G. S. Jenkins, R. K. Fancher.
Sustentation.—J. H. D. Watson, B. E. Watson, H. R. Kite.
Obituaries.—M. L. Oswalt, W. T. Weeks, J. D. Blanton.
Orphanage.—C. H. Dobbs, R. M. Cotton, J. G. Brooks, J. R. W. Foster.

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